



1st Annual English Language Teachers' Conference

On

CEF & ELP Perspectives on Creativity and Challenges: Applications, Obstacles and Solutions

April 3-5, 2008

Ankara University Development Foundation Schools

Ankara, Turkey

ATAUM, Ankara Üniversitesi Cebeci Kampüsü

CONFERENCE THEME

“TEACHERS ARE FOR TEACHERS”

In our time, as the teachers of English language, what we need is to develop a global understanding of teaching practices which focus on the complex relationship between thinking and language use. Our aim is also to provide our learners with models and means which will challenge them intellectually and which will bring about in them the potentials of high level thinking.

For this reason we need new dimensions for lessons and materials that are dependent both on the teachers' as well as learners' creativity. In such an environment it is assumed the teachers will have the opportunity to create and innovate, to monitor and adjust; which is essential for experiential learning.

“Idealists are mostly committed to guiding others through the doors of life, or along the pathways of learning and understanding; they are named as teachers. Teachers are natural facilitators in all their relationships, encouraging those around them, urging their personal growth, and taking responsibility of others with extraordinary enthusiasm and confidence.”

With this extraordinary enthusiasm and confidence we will be grateful to welcome you all.

LANGUAGE

The English language is used throughout the conference.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Teachers and educators of language department in various schools have considerably been working on the objectives, organization, time horizons and the stages of ELP models. While ELP models are still being designed, piloted and prepared for validation, the focus of interest has shifted to implementation, meaning the positioning of the ELP in the everyday learning and teaching routine of educational systems.

Yet, most schools in Turkey still have constraints to investigate the possibilities and obstacles in introducing the theory to classroom work and promote collegial collaboration in developing ELP-oriented teaching. Ankara University Development Foundation Schools **1st Annual English Language Teachers' Conference** takes as its theme the topic of establishing ties among schools so that teachers and educators undertake the responsibility together to arise a common approach in language teaching, assessment, training and guidance. It is the aim of this conference to provide a forum for educators, researchers, teachers, testers and trainers to debate how the common approach can be achieved.

The conference will focus on three main areas, Assessment, Training, Teaching and Guidance in terms of K-12.

There is a call for papers which will address the following:

ASSESSMENT

- Strengths and limitations of a standard approach
- Implications for Assessment
- Approaches in Assessment
- Using the CEFR
- The role of CEFR and ELP in learners' placement strategies
- Test Design
- How to implement and maintain standards
- Collegial collaboration in developing common standards in assessment

TRAINING

- Strengths and limitations of a standard approach
- Implications for Training
- Approaches in Training
- Designing Training Courses
- Networking of Teachers and Educators

TEACHING

- Strengths and limitations of a standard approach
- Implications for Teaching
- Syllabus/Course/Materials design
- Approaches to Teaching Language
- Approaches to Teaching Language Skill
- How to implement and maintain standards

GUIDANCE

- Learners' autonomy
- Learning Styles
- Teaching Styles
- Learner expectations
- Cultural factors

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS

14th March, 2008

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

İsmail Hakkı Mirici, Ph.D. (ELP National Coordinator)

Philip Glover, Ph.D. (Akdeniz University, Faculty of Education)

Rolf Schaerer (General rapporteur / Rapporteur général)

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 3, 2008 Thursday

Pre-Conference event

The Pre-Conference event is designed to bring together people with a particular interest in teaching, testing, training or guidance. It provides an opportunity for people to discuss issues and share ideas related to their particular field of interest. Keynote speakers in these areas will give a short presentation, followed by a discussion session, whereby participants will be able to ask questions and share their knowledge and experience with others. At the end of the day, there will be panel discussions in which the keynote speakers will address issues that arose during the day. We are pleased to announce that the following keynote speakers will take part in the Pre-Conference event:

12:30 - 13: 00	Registration at ATAUM
13:00	Pre-Conference
19:30	Dinner with Interest groups

April 4, 2008 Friday	
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM	Registration at ATAUM
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Keynote Address <i>İsmail Hakkı Mirici, Ph.D.</i> <i>ELP National Coordinator</i>
11:00 AM-12:00	Presentations and Papers
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13: 00 – 14: 00	Keynote Address <i>Philip Glover, Ph.D.</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Presentations and Papers
14:00 – 14: 15	Coffee Break
14:15 - 15:15	Presentations and Papers
15:15 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	Panel Discussion
19:30	Dinner with Interest Groups
April 5, 2008 Saturday	
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM	Registration at ATAUM
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Keynote Address <i>Rolf Schaerer</i>
11:00 AM-12:00	Presentations and Papers
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Presentations and Papers
14:00 – 14: 15	Coffee Break
14:15 - 15:15	Presentations and Papers
15:15 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	Panel Discussion
19:30	Dinner with Interest Groups

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